

REMARKS

OVERVIEW

Claims 1-17 are pending in this application. Claims 1-16 have been allowed. Claim 17 has been amended. The present response is an earnest effort to place all claims in proper form for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and passage to issuance is therefore respectfully requested.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges that the Examiner has allowed claims 1-16.

ISSUED UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 17 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Derwent (DT 2450537 A1). The Examiner characterizes the Derwent application as disclosing an ice making system comprising: an evaporator of a refrigerator immersed in the top of a tank of water whereby a "ice block" form on them. The Examiner also points out that a cooling coil is located at the bottom of the tank structure and a support grid for keeping ice blocks within position (Office Action, page 2). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, claim 17 has been amended to clarify that the base is a part of a cooling system that uses a block of ice for cooling. In particular the preamble has been amended to "A base for a cooling system using a block of ice for cooling". In addition, claim 17 requires "a support for supporting the block of ice within an insulating enclosure." Claim 17 has also been amended to require "wherein the water forms as the block of ice melts."

The Derwent reference is in context of an ice making system, a different context than what is claimed in claim 17. The base for a cooling system of claim 17 uses a block of ice for cooling as opposed to being a cooling system that is used to generate ice cubes. Claim 17 also specifically requires "a floor pan for collecting water beneath the primary coil and the return coil." It is respectfully submitted that Derwent does not disclose this limitation either. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection to claim 17 should be withdrawn and the Examiner should also find claim 17 allowable.

No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this amendment; however, consider this a request for any extension inadvertently omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 26-0084.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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